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Gentlemen:

Thank you both for your participation during the March 28, 2007, ANSI-NIST Meeting on Biofuels Standardization. Your insights and guidance were extremely helpful as we developed our proposed recommendations.

On behalf of ANSI and NIST, and the more than fifty participating experts from the public and private sectors, I am pleased to provide the attached outcomes from that meeting – a Biofuels Standards Roadmap for use by the U.S. delegation to the U.S.-EU Summit on April 30, 2007.

In line with your request, a very aggressive timeframe has been proposed; an accomplishments report will be delivered in December 2007. In order to meet this schedule, we must move quickly. Please advise whether we should proceed immediately with efforts to implement the proposed recommendations, or if we should await your report from the April 30 Summit. An initial report is targeted for delivery during the inaugural meeting of the ANSI Biofuels Standards Panel on May 9, 2007.

Please let me know if you or the delegates require any additional information.

We look forward to your feedback.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frances E. Schrotter".

Frances E. Schrotter

Enclosure

Biofuel Standards Roadmap

Proposed Input for the U.S.-E.U. Summit, April 30, 2007

Context: The use of biofuels will promote energy and economic security for the U.S., Brazil, and E.U. International biofuel production, consumption, and trade are expected to undergo significant growth in the coming years. Therefore, accelerating biofuel commoditization and standardization is essential. A compatible set of standards will promote the use and acceptance of biofuels in a global market.

Objective: The U.S., Brazil, and E.U., in consultation with major standards developers such as ASTM International, ABNT, and CEN, will forge an accelerated process to achieve greater compatibility among existing biofuel standards by the end of the year (4Q07).

Strategy: The U.S., Brazil, and E.U. will establish bioethanol and biodiesel working groups (WGs). Each party (U.S., Brazil, and E.U.) is responsible for identifying the appropriate technical experts to serve on the bioethanol and biodiesel WGs. In support of the International Biofuels Forum (IBF), these WGs will be comprised of representatives from the private and public sectors. In order to move the IBF agenda forward, each WG will be charged with the following:

1. Identify areas within existing standards where greater compatibility can be achieved in the short and long term.
2. Identify the need for additional performance data and testing that may be required to justify differences or changes in specifications.
3. Review consistency of test methods to ensure comparability of results.
4. Analyze costs and benefits of modifying existing standards.
5. Make recommendations to develop consistent terminology.

Path Forward: The Working Group members will build on the work initiated in Brussels (February 2007) and ANSI-NIST meeting (March 2007) to identify areas where greater compatibility can be achieved. The WGs will report their progress at the following meetings:

- ANSI Biofuels Standards Panel (May 2007)
- NIST-INMETRO Biofuels Symposium (June 2007)
- IBF Meeting (July 2007) in Brussels